HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE CTAC RESOLUTION 2010-01

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITIZEN TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF THE HAMPTON ROADS TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION (HRTPO) REGARDING TRANSPORTATION FUNDING AND MOBILITY ISSUES.

WHEREAS, economic conditions are adversely affecting transportation revenue sources;

WHEREAS, the ability of the region to compete on a global basis is negatively impacted by a deteriorating transportation network;

WHEREAS, gasoline consumption has declined, along with revenues from the motor vehicle sales and use tax;

WHEREAS, the fuel tax in Virginia is the 9th lowest in the United States, is not automatically adjusted with inflation, and was last increased in 1986;

WHEREAS, maintenance needs for transportation result in decreased opportunities for capital investment, thereby amplifying the Region's problem in alleviating congestion;

WHEREAS, the population growth and travel demand in Hampton Roads is outpacing the Region's transportation system;

WHEREAS, by 2030, nearly all interstates in Hampton Roads will be severely congested, and congestion will even affect many rural areas of the Region;

WHEREAS, current projected revenues predict a shortfall by 2014 which will prohibit the Commonwealth of Virginia from receiving its full share of federal transportation dollars; and

WHEREAS, in order to fully support the military's mission readiness, safety, and quality of life new sources of revenue to provide the necessary transportation infrastructure are vital.

NOW, *THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED* that the HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee endorses an increase in the statewide fuel tax and indexing such tax to inflation in the future in order to provide a necessary increase in transportation funding throughout Virginia;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee endorses aggressive consideration of new dedicated sources of funding for transportation including, but not limited to:

- Regional Gas Tax
- Tolls
- · Region-Based Taxes and/or User Fees

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee respectfully requests that the Hampton Roads Transportation Planning Organization publicize this Resolution on its website and transmit this Resolution to Hampton Roads city and county elected officials and to the Hampton Roads General Assembly delegation.

APPROVED and ADOPTED by the HRTPO Citizen Transportation Advisory Committee at its meeting on the 9th day of September, 2010.

William W. Harrison, Jr.

Chair

HRTPO Citizen Transportation
Advisory Committee

Dwight L. Farmer

Executive Director/Secretary
Hampton Roads Transportation
Planning Organization